

**PATENT APPLICATION****DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION****ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 020884-000011**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence/post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR ASSESSING RISK OF AND PREDISPOSITION TO DEVELOPMENT OF A PATHOLOGY RELATED TO  
THE PRESENCE OF ANTI-EPICR AUTOANTIBODIES**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

( X ) was submitted on August 4, 2006 as US Application Serial No. 10/588,740.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

**U.S. Application(s) and/or Claim of Domestic Priority**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) and/or §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this specification is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §156(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(Application Number) (Filing Date) (Status-Issued, Pending, Abandoned)

**Foreign Application(s) and/or Claim of Foreign Priority**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(a-d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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